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TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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JAPAN MAKE AGGRESSIVE DEMANDS AT PEACE CONFERENCE

HOLD ISLANDS AT ANY COST

THE DEMANDS MADE OF CHINA IS VIRTUALLY A DECLARATION OF WAR IF THE SECRET TREATY BETWEEN THEM IS MADE PUBLIC

AFFIRMS EXECUTION SHANTUNG PACT

(By Associated Press)
Paris, Feb. 11.—Japan has reiterated her intention to hold Marshall and Caroline Islands in the Pacific Ocean which she took from the war as well as the execution of her agreement reached last September with China regarding Shantung.

A formal statement to this effect by the Japanese representatives was made public here.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Japan's attitude toward China in the peace conference is causing grave apprehension among representatives of other associated powers, according to official diplomatic information reaching here.

Japan virtually threatens war if China makes public the secret treaties between the two countries and fails to carry out the agreement to make Japan successor to Germany in rights of property and concessions held by Germany at the outbreak of the European war.

China in replying upon the peace conference where her delegates made an excellent impression and is seeking the support of the United States and Great Britain.

When the Chinese peace delegates arrived in Paris, according to information now available and disclosed, they reported that their copies of the secret treaties were stolen from their baggage while passing through Japan and consequently they were unable to carry out the purpose of making them public at the conference.

TRADE CONGRESS HAS ADJOURNED

(By The Associated Press)
Bern, Feb. 11.—The International Trades Union Congress adjourned yesterday after deciding to meet again in May at the place to be selected later.

BOLSHEVIKI WERE DEFEATED

London, Feb. 11.—The Bolsheviks who launched an infantry attack on Saturday against the allied positions near Seemakrenka southeast of Archangel, were repulsed according to an official statement issued by the War Department.

In the operations on Friday in which Americans, British and Russians improved their positions on the Petrograd road, south of Kholm, the Bolsheviks suffered heavy losses.

29 N. C. MEN AMONG LOSSES

Washington, Feb. 11.—Twenty-nine North Carolinians are included among the casualties in the four lists issued today by the War Department in which are given the names of 1,345. The State men are as follows:

Privates Clyde Strickland, of Cumberland Mills and Bernard H. Calhoun, of Ruffin, were both wounded severely.

Private Joseph Copeland, of Belvidere; Charlie L. Cummings, of Broadway and James Harris, of Rutherfordton, were wounded severely.

Private Claude Hamby, of Wilkesboro has returned to duty.

Corporals Claude Harris, of Embury; Clarence C. Hope, of North Charlotte; and Haskell E. Page of Benson. Bugler Willie H. Hewitt, of Shallotte; Privates T. L. Dozier, of Moyock; and John H. Parris, of Marshall were wounded to a degree undetermined.

Sergeant Baine Gray, of Colfax; Privates James W. Narron, of Smithfield; Ellis B. Rone, of Franklin; Joseph Singleton, of Sumter; John W. Ormand, of Bath; Edward Brook, of Nashville; Morris Johnson, of Charlotte; Benjamin Averitt, of Newberne; Everett B. Hoglen, of Clyde; were all wounded slightly.

Privates Bunnie Lunsford, of Timberlake; Arthur R. Stewart, of Lillington; Robert W. Hunte, of Concord; Meek B. Pearson, of Gastonia; Walter W. Hughes, of Oxford were wounded to a degree undetermined.

Sergeant Bass Hartness, of Murphy; Corporal Warren E. Fulcher, of Raleigh and Privates Lee Rogers, of Henry and Emmett R. Sherron, of Youngsville were all wounded slightly.

APPEAL TO RULES PREVENT DEFEAT

(By The Associated Press)
Washington, Feb. 11.—To save the new three year naval building program from defeat through a parliamentary coup the House rules Committee today ordered a report of the rule making legislation authorizing the construction of ten battleships and ten scout cruisers in order for house consideration as part of the seven hundred and twenty million dollar naval appropriation bill.

The vote on this rule will be taken after a two hour debate.

DARDEN WILL FIGHT BONDS

Answering a telegram sent Representative J. H. Darden by Mr. A. L. Purrington, in accordance with a resolution passed at the mass meeting here last Friday to hold up a passage of the bill to authorize a bond issue for Halifax county, Mr. Darden writes under date of February 10, as follows:

"Your telegram came duly to hand. No bill has yet been introduced in regards to the bond issue for Halifax county.

"I am enclosing you a letter from the chairman of the county Road Board together with resolutions of said board passed January 6th.

"You can ascertain how the people feel in regard to the matter. I suppose from your telegram there is much opposition to such a measure, however should such a measure be introduced I will have a hearing set before a committee and notify you of such time.

"It is my private opinion that no bond issue should pass, carrying with it such a large amount as is herein proposed, without referring the matter to the people. This is the stand that I shall take unless it is plainly shown that a majority of the people of the county wish it without referendum."

PLANS AFOOT TO BUILD NEW HOTEL

MEETING HELD LAST NIGHT TO FORMULATE PLANS FOR A REPRESENTATIVE HOTEL FOR SCOTLAND NECK

COMMITTEE INVESTIGATE FEASIBILITY

At a meeting last night in the Mayor's office the first step was taken to secure for Scotland Neck an hotel that would be a credit to the community and representative of the splendid citizenship.

The first move in this direction was taken by Mr. Archibald McDowell who desired the mayor to call a meeting to test the desires of the business men here, and at eight o'clock a goodly crowd gathered to discuss the question.

It is fair to say that few if any knew what the meeting was called for, but despite the cold night every one who promised to attend was on hand, and included Messrs. A. McDowell, A. Paul Kitchin, R. L. Hardy, N. B. Josey, Mammie Hoffman, S. A. Dunn, C. Frank Burroughs, Ashby W. Dunn, J. H. Alexander Jr., J. D. Hall, Henry T. Clark, L. M. Pittman, J. E. Bowers, R. A. Phillips, N. A. Riddick, C. T. Lawrence and R. G. Shackell.

Mr. McDowell explained the situation in a few words in that it was a matter of civic pride with him that Scotland Neck demand an hotel in keeping with the town, and he felt that now was the time when concerted action should be taken. He recommended that if forty men got together and pledged themselves to erect the hotel the greater part of the money necessary could be obtained through the building and loan association. He figured that the hotel fully equipped could be had for between \$30,000 to \$40,000 and that one fourth of this amount could be raised in cash, the rest taken in the building loan.

The matter was discussed in its various phases after which eleven of those present agreed to be part of the forty men named to put the proposition through, the time to commence operations to be decided by the majority.

NEW COM. STUDIES ARMISTICE

Eight Members Comprise New Committee That Are Studying Questions

ARMISTICE TERMS DELAYED

Paris, Feb. 11.—In view of the complexity and diversity of the problems raised by the armistice, says Havas report, the Supreme War Council has appointed a committee of eight members to which will be entrusted the task of studying the questions.

The Council has therefore postponed temporarily the adoption of conditions to be imposed upon Germany.

GERMANS ADOPT CONSTITUTION

With Little Amendment National Assembly Adopt Provisional Constitution

ELECT PRESIDENT TODAY

Weimar, Feb. 11.—The German National Assembly has adopted a provisional constitution with little amendment.

The national president will be elected during today.

WILSON MAY RETURN TO PARIS MARCH 15

AFTER A SHORT VISIT TO WASHINGTON TO SIGN BILLS AND ATTEND CLOSING OF CONGRESS WILL RETURN ABROAD

VITAL NATIONAL AFFAIRS THE CAUSE

KING GEORGE URGES ACTION

(By The Associated Press)

London, Feb. 11.—King George in a speech from the throne to the House of Parliament today urged the legislative bodies to act resolutely in stamping out poverty and diminishing unemployment and consider improving the health of the nation.

LABOR PROBLEMS BE UNREVELLED

Two Important Features Are Now Ready For The Peace Conference

PROHIBITION-CHILD LABOR

Paris, Feb. 11.—Two important features of American and British labor problems were accepted today by the commission on international labor legislation and will form part of the whole project of international regulation which will be submitted to the full peace conference.

These are prohibition, child labor under sixteen years of age and uniformity of seamen's wages.

HOUSING NEGLECT DECLARES KOHM

Philadelphia, Feb. 11.—Neglect of housing by the United States government is shameful, declared Robert D. Kohm, architect and former United States shipping board official, in an address he delivered before the Octavia Hill Association.

"Why, even little Cuba appropriated several millions for this purpose before the war," declared Mr. Kohm. "Why have we been so remiss? Probably because we have a naive belief in the all-efficiency of private initiative. People make most money out of building expensive houses. Consequently no houses are built for the man who receives low wages and he has to live in houses no one else would have."

COTTON MARKET

March	21.70	21.70	21.68	21.68
May	20.72	20.72	20.66	20.66
July	19.97	20.42	19.97	20.42
October	18.90	19.20	18.90	19.20

Local Market NOMINAL

(By Associated Press)
Paris, Feb. 11.—Evidence of President Wilson's intention of not abandoning the peace conference upon the ratification of the Society of Nations plan is found in the disclosure yesterday that he had planned to return from Washington to Paris by March 15. This involves so brief a stay in Washington as to permit only the signing of bills during the closing hours of congress.

TANK STEAMER IS IN PERIL

(By The Associated Press)

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 11.—A wireless call saying an American tank steamer, J. M. Guffrey, was taking water in the forehold and sending out distress calls were intercepted here today.

The vessels position was given as off Cape Race.

CONNECT MERIDA WITH MEX. CITY

(By The Associated Press)

Mexico City, Feb. 11.—An English syndicate, it is officially announced has sought a concession from the government, to build a railway that will connect Mexico City with Merida, state of Yucatan. The line, as projected, also would connect these points with Vera Cruz, Tabasco and Campeche and open up a vast stretch of rich but undeveloped territory.

MEXICAN FLU LOSS 436,200

(By The Associated Press)

Mexico City, Feb. 10.—Four hundred thirty-six thousand, two hundred deaths were caused in Mexico during 1918 by the influenza, according to data published by El Universal. This figure is believed to be conservative, according to the paper, as several states were unable to furnish figure on the mortality. In others, it is added, the epidemic still prevails. In Morelos, in particular, few families escape illness. In fact, the influenza is credited with having destroyed the power of Emiliano Zapata, long the rebel ruler of that state.